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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

New England Hydropower Company, LLC

Project No. 14478-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING  
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING  
APPLICATIONS

On December 28, 2012, the New England Hydropower Company, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Eagleville Dam Hydroelectric Project (Eagleville Dam Project or project) to be located on the Willimantic River, in the towns of Coventry and Manchester, Tolland County, Connecticut. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) an existing 22-foot-high, 520-foot-long earth embankment dam with a 173-foot-long stone masonry spillway; (2) an existing 77-acre impoundment with an operating elevation of about 277.0 feet above mean sea level (msl); (3) an existing 12-foot-long, 16-foot-wide, 10-foot-deep head box and intake channel; (4) a new 10-foot-high, 16-foot-wide sluice gate equipped with two existing 10-foot-high, 7-foot-wide trashracks with 6-inch bar spacing; (5) a new 60-foot-long, 11.25-foot-wide Archimedes screw generator unit with an installed capacity of 133 kilowatts; (6) a new 10-foot-high, 19-foot-long, 22-foot-wide powerhouse containing a new gearbox and electrical controls; (7) a new above ground 215-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the Connecticut Light & Power's distribution system; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the proposed Eagleville Dam Project would be about 630 megawatt-hours. The existing Eagleville Dam and appurtenant works, including a former penstock foundation and intake structures, are owned by the State of Connecticut and operated by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR § 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14478) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 9, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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